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SUBJ: EC-9 AND APPEAL OF ANGOLA MERCENARIES

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1. ITALIAN MFA REPORTS THAT BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE MADE VERBAL DEMARCHE TO ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF EC-9 (ALONG LINES BEST DESCRIBED BY REF (D)) ON JULY 2, FOLLOWED UP BY WRITTEN VERSION JULY 3. NEITHER ITALIAN OR BELGIAN EMBASSIES IN LUANDA SEEM TO HAVE PROVIDED INFORMATION, EVEN ATMOSPHERICS TO THEIR CAPITALS ON HOW APPEAL WAS RECEIVED IN ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT.

2. ON RECIEPT IN LUANDA OF INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING MEETING OF NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS, NEWLY ARRIVED ITALIAN AMBASSADOR VECCHI CONSULTED WITH HIS BELGIAN COLLEAGUE, A PROFESSIONAL BELGIAN

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DIPLOMAT ON FRIDAY, JULY 2. IN THE LIGHT OF "CERTAIN RUMORS"

THEN CURRENT TO THE EFFECT THAT A "FINAL DECISION" ON THE SENTENCES WAS IMMINENT, THEY DECIDED ON A PROMPT DEMARCHE USING THE EXTANT CHANNELS BETWEEN THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE AND THE ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE VECCHI HAS YET TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS. THE BELGIAN MADE AN INFORMAL, VERBAL DEMARCHE WITH MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INFORMATION ALMEIDA THE MORING OF JULY 2. (ALMEIDA REPORTEDLY IS ALSO HEAVILY INVOLVED IN POLITICAL MATTERS RELATING TO EXTERNAL QUESTIONS.) LATER IN THE DAY, ALMEIDA ASKED THAT THE DEMARCHE BE DELIVERED IN WRITTEN FORM, WHICH REQUEST THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE COMPLIED WITH BY LETTER ON SATURDAY, JULY 3.

3. THE DEMARCHE, AS REPORTED EARLIER, ADDRESSED ITSELF TO ALL FOUR OF THE CONDEMNED MERCENARIES ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, WITH THE EXPLICIT STATEMENT THAT IT DID NOT COMPRISE A CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE ANGOLAN JURIDICAL PROCESS, ACCORDING TO ITALIAN MFA.

4. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ITALIAN MFA INDICATES HOW THE DEMARCHE WAS RECEIVED BY THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. REPORTING TO DATE BY THE TWO EMBASSIES IN LUANDA IS REPORTEDLY STRICTLY OBJECTIVE, WITHOUT GETTING INTO ATMOSPHERICS.VOLPE

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